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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/8689, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on December 28, 2004. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during the international examination with respect to the

documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-152654, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0126983;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-150710, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-84495, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0013403;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-236729, together with patent family member European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 951 019;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-229612, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0017828;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-229614, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-94552, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-252826, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicant also calls to the attention of the Examiner International Patent Application Publication No. WO 02/97817, which is cited on page 25 of the specification of the present application.

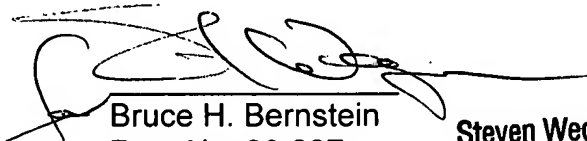
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Except for U.S. patent application publications, Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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